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In the Application of) Examiner: Meagan S. Walling
Ernest A. Rodenberg III et al.) Group Art Unit: 2863
Application No. 10/663,313)
Filed September 16, 2003)
For: Programmable Electricity Consumption)
Monitoring System & Method)

AMENDMENT/RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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In response to the first, nonfinal Office action dated January 12, 2005, please amend the above-cited patent application, without prejudice, as set forth below, and consider the accompanying remarks.

AMENDMENT

a. Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

b. Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.



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☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

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Extra Claims x = **Fee Paid (\$)**
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